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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV'S FOURTH OF JULY  
MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT

1. REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM  
PRESIDENT CARTER TO CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SU-  
PREME SOVIET, LEONID I. BREZHNEV:

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR  
NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

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I SHARE THE HOPES EXPRESSED IN YOUR MESSAGE FOR DEVELOPING  
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE STAND READY TO  
WORK WITH YOU TO BUILD ON AND EXPAND OUR COMMON INTEREST IN  
A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP AND IN STRENGTHENING WORLD PEACE.  
JIMMY CARTER.

2. MESSAGE RECEIVED AT WHITE HOUSE, JULY 3, FROM CHAIRMAN

BREZHNEV FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO YOU PERSONALLY ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INDEPENDENCE DAY.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT BY USING THE POSITIVE EXPERIENCE ACCUMULATED IN RECENT YEARS, WE CAN INSURE A STABLE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, ALONG THE ROAD OF COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ACTION IN THE INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING PEACE AND DEEPENING THE PROCESS OF DETENTE. L. BREZHNEV. END QUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE OF THE PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE INTENDED BUT NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY SOVIETS. VANCE

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